## **1996 SESSION**

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HOUSE BILL NO. 58
Offered January 10, 1996
A BILL to award a service handgun to the widow of Special Agent R. Lynn Roach.
Patron—Cranwell
Referred to Committee on Militia and Police
Whereas, Special Agent R. Lynn Roach, who served the Commonwealth as a member of the Virginia
Department of State Police for over seventeen years, was killed in a traffic accident on September 10,
1995; and
Whereas, Special Agent Roach joined the State Police in 1978, served in Amherst County and in
Chesapeake, then returned to Montgomery County as coordinator of the Montgomery County Drug Task
Force; and
Whereas, Special Agent Roach was instrumental in the establishment of a 24-hour hotline in
Montgomery County and took justifiable pride in the reputation of the task force as one of the best in
Virginia; and
Whereas, it is fitting and appropriate that Special Agent R. Lynn Roach's exceptional service to the
Commonwealth be recognized by the General Assembly; now, therefore,
Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:
1. § 1. That Mary S. Roach, the widow of Special Agent R. Lynn Roach, be, and hereby is, vested with
title to, and authorized to possess and retain as her own, Special Agent R. Lynn Roach's service
handgun, which he used as a member of the Virginia Department of State Police. This transfer is made
as a visible and express token of the appreciation of the General Assembly for the professionalism,

**25** *devotion, and dedication of Special Agent R. Lynn Roach.* 

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